

of Menominee. Among his other activities, Hugh was active with the Republican party, and was on the local harbor commission, the industrial park commission, the hospital board and the board of the First National Bank of Marinette.

Mary, while raising three boys, has served as an Elder, Deacon and president of the Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church. Among other volunteer efforts, she was president of the local hospital auxiliary, a director of the local DAR youth club, and a member of the city's Cemetery Board.

A man like Hugh Higley with a wife like Mary could have been a success anywhere in the world. Even after Hugh's retirement from Ansul, he could have seized a business opportunity wherever he found one, but he chose to remain in the area and make his new venture, Interstate/Valweld, one of the region's great success stories.

Like their father, his sons Dave, Hugh and Bill could have taken their business acumen and their technical acumen and established themselves successfully anywhere, but those special traits they learned from their parents—the importance of family and the value of forging lasting ties to their hometown—have drawn them back.

Thus the town is blessed with another generation of Higley's, who are creating their own legacies of service to the community. There are no greater gifts a family give to its home town than wisdom, foresight, and quality business practices in its professional endeavors, and a lifetime of dedication and volunteerism to public service in its private efforts.

This is the heritage of this remarkable couple, Hugh and Mary Higley.

Mr. Speaker, the local community will seek to recognize these priceless gifts. May 29, 1998, has been proclaimed Mary and Hugh Higley Day in the city of Menominee. I invite my colleagues to join me, adding our voices in humble thanks for a lifetime of service.

GOOD LUCK, TIME SHARERS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 1998

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year I had the distinct honor and pleasure of informing our colleagues of a magnificent task of some young people in my district. These young people were honored for performing the highest number of acts of kindness in the nation. Today, I would like to inform my fellow Member of Congress of the acts of twelve young people from East Orange, NJ. These fourth and fifth graders, the Community Problem Solving Team of the Quest Program of the John Howard, Jr. Unique School of Excellence, became aware of the fact that there are many people in the city who do not have enough resources to get adequate food and often go hungry. They decided to pool their resources and use their skills to supplement existing hunger agencies in the area.

They spent over 500 hours in volunteering their time to local soup kitchens and to SHARE of New Jersey, an agency which provides food to needy families at reduced costs. They also raised over \$1,000 through candy sales, school dances, and bake sales. They

used the proceeds to purchase almost 50 cases of non-perishable foods for local food pantries as well as perishable foods for weekly soup kitchens.

Mr. Speaker, this project received first place in New Jersey in the junior division of the Community Problem Solving Component of the International Future Problem Solving Program. As such, the John Howard School Community Problem Solving Team, known as TIME SHARERS (Team Is Making Efforts to Stop Hunger All Round East Orange Really Soon), will represent New Jersey at the International Competition in Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 12–15, 1998. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them good luck but more importantly, I want to thank each of them—Camia Bell, Brittani Carter, Daveena Colwell, Lynn Duck, Jawaan Finch, Lemar Gale, Myrtha Glaude, Barry Ishmael, Aniyah Jones, Savannah Segovia, Sophia Stewart and Jasmine Woodyard, and their coach and Quest teacher, Ms. Christine McAdams, for caring and being part of the solution to a big problem. They are all a good example of what everyone should be doing to make life for our fellow man, woman and child.

IN RECOGNITION OF CRYSTAL ANZALDI, INSPECTOR JOSE BERRI-TORRES AND AGENTS CÉSAR NIEVES AND ISMAEL CINTRÓN

HON. CARLOS A. ROMERO-BARCELÓ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 1998

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday morning, May 20, I had the honor of participating in the 1998 Congressional Breakfast organized by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to celebrate the winners of the Third Annual National Missing Children's Awards. I had been looking forward to this day and the opportunity to salute the three outstanding Interpol investigators from Puerto Rico whose diligent investigatory work led to the rescue of missing child, Crystal Anzaldi.

Crystal Anzaldi, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Anzaldi, and her two sisters, traveled to Washington from Oregon, where they now live, to commemorate this important event. Crystal was just 14 months when she was abducted from her home in San Diego, California, in December of 1990. Crystal's parents searched for her for seven long years, until an amazing chain of events and clever investigative work, led to her being identified and recovered in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Investigating a complaint alleging child abuse, Inspector Berríos of Interpol Puerto Rico discovered that Crystal's birth certificate was fraudulent. He researched her case thoroughly and carefully; contacting the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Web-site. He assigned Interpol Agents Ismael Cintrón and César Nieves to search the Center's database of photographs of missing and abducted children. The Agents were shocked when they recognized the unique smile of a 14-month old baby. It was Crystal, who was then eight years old. She was reunited with her biological family shortly thereafter.

By initiating the chain of events that led to Crystal's recovery—all three agents deserve to

be commended for ending a long and painful search. Their intuition, optimism, determination and meticulous investigative work were critical towards the success in reuniting this family.

I also want to recognize the outstanding service to our society being performed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the many organizations, such as grassroots activists, police departments, and others throughout the nation whose commitment makes such a difference in the lives and well-being of all children. Adelante and God-speed in your work on behalf of children and families in the Nation.

A BILL TO RESTORE EQUITY TO THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAXES ON NATIVE AMERICAN LANDS

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 1998

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill that will help restore integrity and equity to the process of the collection and payment of motor fuel taxes on Native American lands. I am pleased to be able to introduce this bill with the support of 8 bipartisan cosponsors: Representative SANDLIN (D-TX), Representative ISTOOK (R-OK), Representative DANNER (D-MO), Representative BLUNT (R-MO), Representative COBURN (R-OK), Representative BILL BARRETT (R-NE), Representative DOC HASTINGS (R-WA), and Representative EHLER (R-MI).

Taxes placed on the sale of motor fuels directly supports the efforts of state and federal governments in building and repairing our nation's roads and bridges. In order for our states to play their role in our transportation system, they need to be sure that they are collecting *all* of their motor fuel taxes. Unfortunately, that is not currently the case. Currently, some Native American tribes do not always collect and remit gas tax receipts to the appropriate government. This practice has cost the states a significant amount of revenue that could have been used to improve roads and bridges. Lost revenue estimates for some states are in the millions. It is estimated that Oklahoma, alone, lost roughly \$13 million in motor fuel tax receipts for FY '96. Many other states are also adversely affected, for example: Washington State, Oregon, Idaho, New Mexico, Kansas, Michigan, and New York.

The bill that I am introducing seeks to address this problem. It will prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from allocating funds for public lands highways on Indian lands and reservations unless either (a) the Indian tribe has entered into a written agreement with the state in which the highway is located that provides procedures for the payment and collection of motor fuel taxes that are sold to a non-Native American by a retail establishment that is located on such land, or (b) the Indian tribe refuses to enter into a written agreement and/ but the allocation of funds is essential to the construction or maintenance of a highway or road that is a critical component of the National Highway System.

The primary aim of this plan is to ensure that non-Native Americans pay and are assessed the gas tax. This plan is not intended